

**657—21.16 (124,155A) Facsimile transmission of Schedule II controlled substances—hospice patients.** A prescription for a Schedule II controlled substance for a patient enrolled in a hospice care program licensed pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 135J or a program certified or paid for by Medicare under Title XVIII may be transmitted via facsimile by the practitioner or the practitioner's agent to the dispensing pharmacy. If the prescription is transmitted by the practitioner's agent, the transmission shall include the first and last names and title of the individual who transmitted the prescription. The means of transmission shall ensure that prescription information is not obscured or rendered illegible due to security features of the paper utilized by the prescriber to prepare a written prescription.

**21.16(1) *Original prescription.*** The facsimile serves as the original written prescription.

**21.16(2) *Information required.*** The practitioner or the practitioner's agent shall note on the prescription that the patient is a hospice patient.

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